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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
 COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HEMP, INC. a Colorado Corporation;
 BRUCE J. PERLOWIN, an individual;
 BARRY K. EPLING, an individual; JED
 M. PERLOWIN, an individual; FERRIS
 HOLDING, INC., a private Nevada
 Corporation; HOBBS EQUITIES INC.,
 a private Nevada Corporation;
 DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENTS LLC, a
 private Nevada Limited Liability
 Company; and QUANTUM ECONOMIC
 PROTOCOLS LLC, a private Nevada
 Limited Liability Company.

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:16-cv-01413-JAD-BNW

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's December 16, 2020 minute order (Dkt. No. 175), the parties
 submit the following joint status report regarding the status of settlement:

1 As of March 16, 2021, the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is
2 considering the proposed settlements, but no decision has yet been reached. Undersigned
3 counsel for the Commission had hoped to accomplish a global resolution with all eight
4 defendants before presenting the issue to the Commission for approval, but as of the date of this
5 report, no resolution has been reached as to the three defendants (Jed Perlowin, Diversified
6 Investments, LLC (“Diversified”) and Quantum Economic Protocols, LLC (“QEP”)) who
7 entered bifurcated settlements in early 2017 and did not participate in the pre-trial mediation.
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9 Defendants Jed Perlowin, Diversified, and QEP entered stipulated consent judgments in
10 February 2017 whereby the Commission was awarded its requested injunctive relief, but issues
11 of disgorgement and penalty amounts were reserved until such time as the Commission moved
12 for such remedies. (*See* Dkt. Nos. 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57.) Undersigned counsel for the
13 Commission has been in discussions with counsel for these three defendants to attempt to resolve
14 the remaining issues as to those defendants without the need for motion practice. While those
15 settlement talks have progressed, to date there has been no final resolution as to defendants Jed
16 Perlowin, Diversified, and QEP.
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18 So as not to delay the final resolution as to the five defendants who participated in the
19 pre-trial mediation and reached a settlement in principle subject to Commission approval,
20 counsel has submitted, and the Commission is considering, the proposed settlements as to
21 defendants Hemp, Inc., Bruce Perlowin, Barry Epling, Ferris Holding, Inc., and Hobbes Equities
22 Inc. If a final resolution is reached as to defendants Jed Perlowin, Diversified, and QEP, that
23 proposed resolution will need to be separately reviewed and approved by the Commission.
24 Otherwise, Plaintiff will move for monetary relief as to those three defendants.
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The parties propose to file a joint status report in 30 days (April 16, 2021) informing the Court of the status of the Commission's review and the progress of any final resolution as to Jed Perlowin, Diversified, and QEP.

Dated: March 16, 2021

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ORDER

Based on the parties' joint status report, IT IS ORDERED that by April 16, 2021, the parties must file either dismissal documents or an additional joint status report.

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED: 10:14 am, March 19, 2021



BRENDA WEKSLER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE